

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NO. 11-CR-30105-DRH

CHRISTOPHER E. BRANCH,

Defendant.

**ORDER OF FINDING OF NO THIRD-PARTY INTERESTS
(FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE)**

On February 2, 2012, this court entered an order for forfeiture against defendant Christopher E. Branch, for the following property which had been seized from the defendant:

1. **One Weatherby, Model Mark XXII, .22 caliber rifle, bearing serial number J-35035;**
2. **One National Ordnance, Model U.S. M1 Carbine, .30 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 7533; and**
3. **Any and all ammunition contained within or seized with the above firearms.**

The order further provided that the government would provide an opportunity for persons to claim a legal interest in the property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

The court notes that notice was published by the government on an official government website, www.forfeiture.gov, for 30 consecutive days beginning April 6, 2012, and ending May 5, 2012, and that no third party filed a petition within 30 days

after the last date of the publication to allege an interest in the property.

Consequently, the court hereby finds, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7), that no third-party petitions were filed and that the United States of America has clear title to the above-described property that is the subject of the Order of Forfeiture filed on February 2, 2012, namely:

1. **One Weatherby, Model Mark XXII, .22 caliber rifle, bearing serial number J-35035;**
2. **One National Ordnance, Model U.S. M1 Carbine, .30 caliber rifle, bearing serial number 7533; and**
3. **Any and all ammunition contained within or seized with the above firearms.**

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives or the United States Marshal shall dispose of the property according to law. The disposal may, at the discretion of the United States, include the destruction of the property. The destruction may be done at such time and location and by such persons as designated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives or the United States Marshal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 13th day of July, 2012.

David R. Herndon



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**Chief Judge
United States District Court**